1.0 Authority and Applicability

1.1 Authority
This Electoral Code is approved and published by the Returning Officer pursuant to PPL 1.30.01 Senate and Academic Board Elections Policy (‘Elections Policy’).

1.2 Applicability
This Code applies to all elections conducted at The University of Queensland under the Elections Policy. This code applies to all nominated candidates and their representative agent/s.

2.0 Definitions

Campaigning The advocacy or advertising of a candidacy, including but is not limited to:
- public verbal advocacy of a candidate;
- distribution of campaign materials, including electronic distribution;
- posting of campaign signs or flyers; or
- use of other electronic means for distributing campaign materials, including use of social media.

Inducement In the context of this Code, anything offered by a candidate or their agent/s that persuades or encourages someone to do something.

3.0 Related Policies and Procedures
A candidate should be familiar with and comply with the University’s Policies and Procedures that relate to the following:
- Integrity and Misconduct
- Use of University facilities
- Use of email and social media
- Code of Conduct
- Senate Rules and by-laws
- University Elections

4.0 Conduct of Candidates
During an election, a candidate must:

4.1 Act honestly in making any representation.

4.2 Not engage in conduct that may reasonably be perceived to compromise a free and fair election.

4.3 Not influence or affect another person’s election choices by giving, promising, or offering an inducement of any kind to anyone (excludes genuine policy promises made publicly).

4.4 Not make frivolous or vexatious complaints against an opponent.

4.5 Not behave in a way that could reasonably be perceived as discriminatory, harassing, and intimidating or bullying.

4.6 Comply with other relevant Charters and Codes of the University relating to conduct and elections.

4.7 Follow all reasonable directions of the Returning Officer, Chief Operating Officer, a Security Officer of the University or any person authorised by the Returning Officer.

4.8 Make all reasonable efforts to ensure their agent/s are aware of, and observe the standards of conduct set by this Code.
5.0 Campaigning

5.1 Campaigning for an election is only permitted during the period following notice of election.

5.2 A candidate and/or agent must not leave campaign materials and paraphernalia e.g. leaflets, posters or badges, in the University’s libraries, lecture theatres, and tutorial rooms or in other University buildings.

5.3 A candidate and/or agent may distribute campaign materials if they are taken by a person directly from the candidate and/or agent.

5.4 A candidate and/or agent must not affix to any surface or erect any election related signs on a University campus, this includes posters, leaflets and stickers, unless approved by the Returning Officer.

5.5 A candidate may be required to reimburse the University for all reasonable costs associated with:

5.5.1 Cleaning of discarded election materials on University buildings and land; or

5.5.2 Removing unauthorised election signs, posters, leaflets or stickers on University buildings and land.

5.6 A candidate and/or agent is prohibited from directly or indirectly offering inducements of any kind to encourage voting or to encourage a vote to be cast specifically for a candidate.

5.7 A candidate and/or agent must not provide any polling facility, instruments or devices (virtual or physical) that enables or assists people to cast their votes.

5.8 A candidate and/or agent may apply to hire University facilities during the election campaign pursuant to established University procedures. For example, a candidate may hire a teaching space or meeting room for campaigning during an election at the rate set by the University. The candidate must pay the cost associated with the hire of the facility.

5.9 Unless authorised under this Code or another University policy, a candidate and/or agent must not, in the conduct of the candidate’s election campaign:

5.9.1 Use University resources; or

5.9.2 In any way disrupt staff or students or others from undertaking their normal activities at the University.

6.0 Non-compliance

6.1 If a candidate fails to comply with this Code, the Returning Officer may:

6.1.1 Issue a written warning to the candidate; or

6.1.2 Refer the candidate’s conduct to the Senate Electoral Committee for determination.

6.2 Complaints about the behaviour of individuals (including a candidate) during an election should be made in accordance with section 2.17 of the Elections Policy.

6.3 Referrals to the ad hoc Senate Electoral Committee are considered in accordance with section 2.18 of the Elections Policy.

Signature of Returning Officer Date: 19 July 2019
7.0 Meta Data for Document Management

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